

Department of Natural Resources and Parks

VISION

Sustainable and livable communities and a clean and healthy natural environment that support a prosperous and resilient economy.



Provide regional parks and trails, protect the region's water, air, land, natural habitats and historic properties, and reduce, safely dispose of and create resources from wastewater and solid waste.

GOALS

Environment: Minimize waste and emissions, maximize resource re-use and recovery, foster environmental stewardship, promote conservation, and protect and restore habitats, ecological functions and aquatic conditions.

People and Communities: Protect and improve human health and safety, foster community-building and healthy living, and preserve and enhance historic properties.

Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Vitality: Support King County's prosperity and ensure ratepayer value through effective, efficient and equitable programs. **Quality Workforce:** Develop and empower our most valuable asset – our employees; build internal capacity for excellence, equity and fairness in service delivery.



DIVISION MISSIONS

PARKS

The Parks and Recreation Division enhances the quality of life for communities by providing environmentally sound stewardship of regional and rural parks, trails, natural areas, forest lands, and recreational facilities, supported by partnerships and entrepreneurial initiatives.

WLRD

The Water and Land Resources Division is helping to protect King County's water and lands so that its citizens can enjoy them safely today, and for generations to come.

SWD

The Solid Waste Division maximizes ratepayer value by ensuring that citizens of King County have access to efficient and reliable regional solid waste handling and disposal services at rates as low as reasonably possible, consistent with sound environmental stewardship of our region.

WTD

The Wastewater Treatment Division protects public health and enhances the environment by treating and reclaiming wastewater, recycling solids and generating energy.